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Dear Mr Garrison

Some one has kindly sent me a Copy of the N. Y. Times of Oct. 30 containing your letter on the President's "Policy". - which I have read with great interest - as my views are entirely in harmony with those it expresses. I am quite out of patience at hearing the phrase - the "President's Policy". He has no right to have any policy - as separate and distinct from the long, well settled policy of the party which elected him - and which had a right to demand that he should be its representative in conducting the government of the Country.

But he was not warm in his
place, before he ostentatiously
shook the party off - and announced
his intention to run the National
machine without any of its help.
A man of extraordinary ability
and of great experience in public
affairs - might with less presump-
tion attempt to do this.

The protection of the blacks
in the south, had become the
most important part of the policy
of the party - because most of the
results of the rebellion and its
suppression, had been accepted
by southern men as a foregone

Conclusion - which there was
no hope of avoiding - and no
power of resisting. But it was
not so with the status of the
Southern leaders - for this might
be changed in many ways, if
the protection of the general
government should be withdrawn.

This has now been done, and
the rebels are given distinctly
to understand that they may
work their will upon that people.
The result is already "profound
peace" in the South, because there
is no longer any party there, which
dares resist the purposes of
those who sought to destroy the
nation. The result of

all this - I fear - will be the
overthrow of the republican party
and the government will be handed
over to the President's friends
Wade Hampton - Gen. Johnson -
H. A. Stevens - Lombard - and the
rest of that amiable & patriotic
circle. I shall be very glad
to find by the event, that I have
entirely misjudged the tendency
of measures -

I am very truly Yours
Neal Dow